

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 12 and 13 as follows:

1-11. Canceled.

12. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:  
a liquid crystal cell comprising a pair of substrates and a liquid crystal layer  
arranged between the pair of substrates;  
first and second polarizers arranged on either side of the liquid crystal cell;  
a first retardation plate arranged between the liquid crystal cell and the first  
polarizer;  
a second retardation plate arranged between the liquid crystal cell and the  
second polarizer;  
each of the first and second retardation plates having an optical axis in a plane  
parallel to the surfaces of the substrates and a retardation of substantially  $\lambda/4$ , the optical axis  
of the first retardation plate being perpendicular to the optical axis of the second retardation  
plate;  
the first and second polarizers having polarizing axes arranged at an angle of  
45° with respect to the optical axes of the first and second retardation plates, and at an angle  
of 90° with respect to one another; and

the liquid crystal layer of the liquid crystal cell containing the liquid crystal and a resin coexisting with the liquid crystal.

13. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising: a liquid crystal cell comprising a pair of substrates and a liquid crystal layer arranged between the pair of substrates;

first and second polarizers arranged on either side of the liquid crystal cell; a first retardation plate arranged between the liquid crystal cell and the first polarizer;

a second retardation plate arranged between the liquid crystal cell and the second polarizer;

each of the first and second retardation plates having an optical axis in a plane parallel to the surfaces of the substrates and a retardation of substantially  $\lambda/4$ , the optical axis of the first retardation plate being perpendicular to the optical axis of the second retardation plate;

the first and second polarizers having polarizing axes arranged at an angle of  $45^\circ$  with respect to the optical axes of the first and second retardation plates, and at an angle of  $90^\circ$  with respect to one another;

the liquid crystal of the liquid crystal cell being of a vertical alignment type, a polymer network being formed in the liquid crystal layer of the liquid crystal cell, the pretilt

of the liquid crystal molecules and an inclination direction of the liquid crystal molecules upon application of voltage being regulated by the polymer network.